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Experts warn:

HOTTEST SUMMER IN 100 YEARS

— and the WORST storms on record!

Teenage devil worshipers unleash the power of Satan

EVIL SPIRITS SPREAD TERROR IN SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON — Children involved in occult activities have released demonic forces responsible for the wave of shootings and murders in our schools, a secret Department of Education study reveals. — *World Exclusive Report Inside!*

PREGNANT FOR 24 MONTHS

'She'll give birth to a full-grown 2-year-old child,' say docs

Chain-saw man slices off head and lives!

GRANNY, 61, HASN'T AGED SINCE 1969!

MAN CUTS OFF HIS HEAD WITH CHAIN SAW — AND LIVES!

NOGINSK, Russia — Construction worker Vladimir Petapov sustained the most serious injuries imaginable when he fell with a chain saw and accidentally severed his own head. But incredibly, doctors reattached the man's head and saved his life!

According to Russian newspaper accounts, the 35-year-old father of two is able to breathe and maintain a steady heartbeat, although he remains bedridden and paralyzed more than a month after the emergency medical procedure.

"The patient is unable to speak at this time and due to the interrupted flow of oxygen to the brain, it is probable that he sustained significant brain damage, although his mental status is difficult to ascertain," surgeon Dr. Oleg Andrianov was quoted as saying in a Moscow paper. "But he is alive and showing signs of improvement."

The astonishing medical miracle is proof that the Russians really are decades ahead of the United States when it comes to head-transplant experimentation, experts say.

"Back in the 1970s and '80s, stories occasionally came out of the Soviet Union about their doctors successfully transferring heads from one animal's body to another," an American neurosurgeon observed. "Now we know this was not mere boasting."

Reattaching a head is more difficult than reattaching a hand, doctors say, because so many nerves run through the spinal cord — and sever it's cut, a person usually dies.

The nearly fatal mishap occurred on March 1 when Petapov was attempting to clear brush and small trees from a field near his home. As his wife Anya watched in horror, the chain saw struck a knot and the power tool kicked back, knocking him off balance.

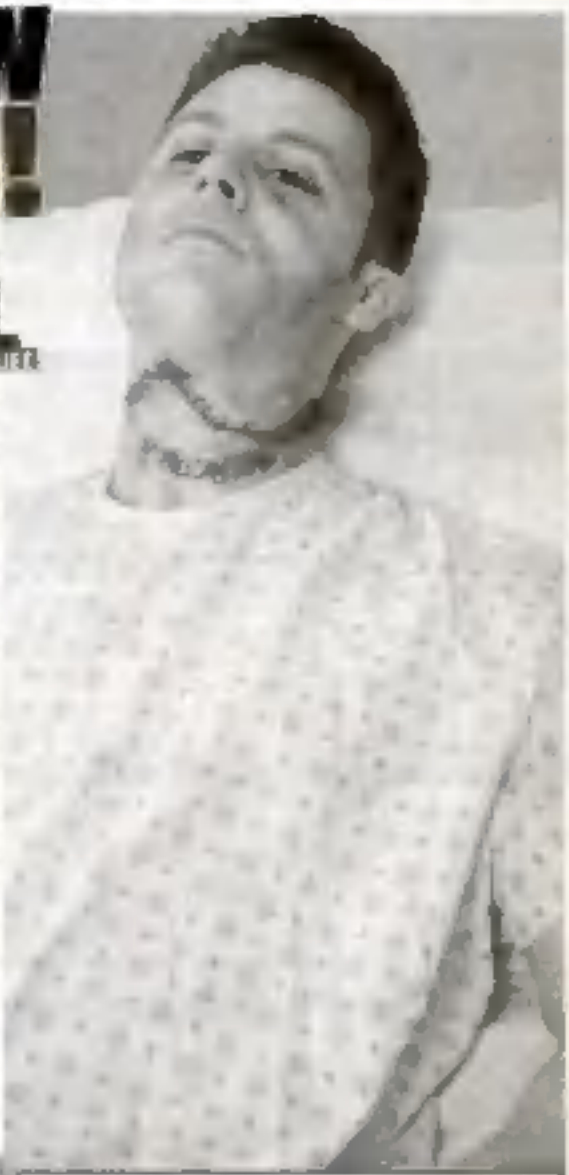
"As he fell with the saw, it took his head off cleanly," Mrs. Petapov told a reporter who was doing a "ride-along" with an EMS crew that arrived moments after her frantic call.

Reporter Viktor Petyakin, who snapped a photo of the horrific scene, says, "It didn't look as though he stood a chance."

The quick-thinking emergency workers packed ice from Petapov's own freezer around his head and neck to staunch the bleeding and slow down his metabolism, then had a helicopter airlift him to the nearest major trauma center in nearby Moscow.

Dr. Andrianov said: "The operation to reattach Mr. Petapov's head took multiple surgical teams about 36 hours."

"We are optimistic that he'll be able to talk again within a year," said Dr. Andrianov.



THE MIRACLE UNFOLDS. Vladimir Petapov's horrified wife, Anya, raced to his side after the bizarre accident and, amazingly, a camera-carrying reporter captured the moment on film. The young man's severed head was reattached in a dramatic, 36-hour operation. He remains hospitalized, above, in stable condition, although he is paralyzed and won't be able to talk for at least a year.

FRUGAL HOUSEWIFE DRILLS & FILLS HER CHILDREN'S TEETH!

THIS WON'T HURT! Drill-wielding mom Jennifer Makerham serves in on 10-year-old daughter Alexis's cavity.

BOSTON — Frugal housewife Jennifer Makerham saves hundreds of dollars a year on dentists' fees — by filling her children's cavities herself!

By VICKIE YORK
Weekly World News

Whenever her daughters Alexis, 10, and Ellie, 8, need fillings, penny-pinching Mrs. Makerham pats them in a chair and goes to work using a secondhand drill and tools she bought for next-to-nothing from a retiring dentist.

"One year, my husband and I spent $600 on dental bills and I just decided enough was enough," Mrs. Makerham recalls. "I said to myself, 'How hard can this really be?'"

While she has no medical training and never even finished high school, the resourceful homemaker educated herself on the craft of dentistry.

"My sister used to be a dental assistant and I asked Mrs. Makerham, a house husband is a factory worker. "The rest I learned from a book in the library."

In the past two years, Mrs. Makerham has filled seven cavities. She also gives her children's teeth a cleaning every six months using her little kit of metal tools.

The biggest problem for Mrs. Makerham is that she doesn't have an X-ray machine.

"I don't know which tooth has a cavity until one of the girls starts to complain about pain when she eats or drinks something cold," the frugal housewife explains. "Then I have to look in her mouth and see if I can find the problem."

The biggest drawback to home dentistry is that unlike a professional dentist, Mrs. Makerham doesn't have access to painkillers.

"I use a topical ointment to numb the area around the tooth before I start drilling, but it doesn't last very long," she says. "At first they'd really squirm when I tried to work on their teeth without it, though — and they started to hide whenever they saw me get out my drill."

Since then, Mrs. Makerham says, she's been using acupuncture to ease the girls' pain.

"I found out all about it by going on the Internet at the library and it really works wonders," the tightfisted homemaker says.

The girls agree that nowadays the drilling is virtually painless. And they both give her an A.

Even as the youngsters floss and brush their teeth after every meal to ward off cavities.

"Mommy does a good job filling our cavities, but we don't want her to have to go through all that trouble," says Alexis.

LIGHT TOUCH! Mom really knows how to drill 'em — and her kids fills, rumbling, and Alexis don't seem to mind a bit!

MEDICAL WARNING!

Dentistry is a highly skilled profession. Attempting to perform dental work in your own home may lead to injury.

FIRE UP YOUR LOVE LIFE & DRIVE YOUR WIFE WILD

— BY PEEKING DOWN HER BLOUSE!

FOR MEN ONLY

By GAILANNE GROLO/Weekly World News

TEMPE, Ariz. — Husbands can keep the come-hither look in their wife's eyes and ratchet up their sex life by stealing a peek down her blouse or complimenting her on how good she looks from behind.

Those tips are among the helpful and sometimes controversial advice of top marriage counselor Wanda Bryna, who says good husbands go out of their way to compliment their spouses on the qualities they are most proud of.

COUNSELOR Wanda Bryna

"Too many husbands cut off the compliments as soon as they marry," Mrs. Bryna told a radio reporter.

"My first two husbands were like that! And that was a shame, because if a man really wants to hold on to his wife's affection — and get more loving — he should treat her the way he did when they were dating."

These are some of the counselor's tips for putting a proximary sparkle in a wife's eyes and keeping romance alive:

● "Compliment her on the things she does better than you, like tidying up the house or washing the car."

● "When she bends over to pick up your socks or perform some other chore, smack your lips and yell approvingly, 'Oh, yeah! Hold that pose, baby, while I get the camera.'"

● "Regularly praise her cooking no matter how bad it is."

● "Don't just grunt, but let your wife know you really appreciate her for popping the top on another cold one when you finish off a beer while watching a big game on the tube. Give her a big kiss — and look at her while you're smooching — not at the game."

● "Let her handle the remote once in a while. Be a sweetheart and tell her: 'There's nothing worth watching — so you can turn the channel to whatever you like. Watch that ice show you've been talking about.'"

● Flatter her on casual nudity with compliments like: "Hey, hey, still looking goood!"

LOOKING GOOD, KIDDO! Fixing up your love life isn't hard to do when you take the time to make your sweetie feel special!

Burglar snorts dead dog's ashes!

WORCESTER, England — A bungling burglar who broke into a home found some powder in a pot and thought it was cocaine — so he snorted it. But he probably didn't enjoy quite the high he expected — since the powder was actually the ashes of the owner's dog, Charlie, who'd recently been cremated!

The canine-calling crook was so freaked out by the situation that he blundered out of there.

And when cops came investigating the break-in at the home of the Irish they found the ashes with the note, "Sorry," the sorry dog-gies scrawled their color.

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PAGE 5 GIRL!

Irresistible 5-foot-5, 117-pound Kristina Kropf keeps her glimmerous figure working as a Las Vegas dancer. This 34-24-33 charmer enjoys singing, dancing and outdoor sports. Her ultimate career goal? She'd love to be a country singer!

PICK A CARD, ANY CARD!

Deal yourself some fun by testing your wits against this clever card trick.

Here's what to do. Look at these cards. Mentally pick out one. Say it aloud so you'll remember it. Now get ready for a shocker. We're going to read your mind and actually remove your card from the five shown here. Don't believe us? Turn to page 33 and we'll blow your socks off.

IT'S MAGIC! Weekly World News design editor Cindy O'Neill has a trick up her sleeve.

FIND A MONKEY, WIN A MONKEY —

& get all the cash he swiped from the boss' wallet!

You can win a cute sock monkey just by reading this week's issue of Weekly World News — and because the little guy swiped the boss' wallet, as an added bonus, you'll win a nifty $5, $10, $20, $50, $100 or more . . . all the bills he pulls out for you!

All you have to do is find him — and the cash he's toting, — on another page in this issue and mail us the number of the page. We'll draw one name from all correct entries.

That person not only wins the monkey, he also gets the cash that's pictured with him! No purchase is necessary to win, but you must be 18 years old or older to enter.

Employees of American Media Inc. and its subsidiaries are not eligible. All federal, state and local laws apply. Entries must be postmarked by May 21, 1999. Send your entries to Weekly World News Sock Monkey Contest, 600 Enquirer Square West, New Haven, CT 06511.

WIN A TOYOTA TUNDRA PICKUP TRUCK . . .

Weekly World News Sweepstakes Depot!

Here are some red-hot contests Weekly World News editors have found just for you to win a million frequent-flyer miles. All you have to do is write a letter. A contest for Internet users only follows that!

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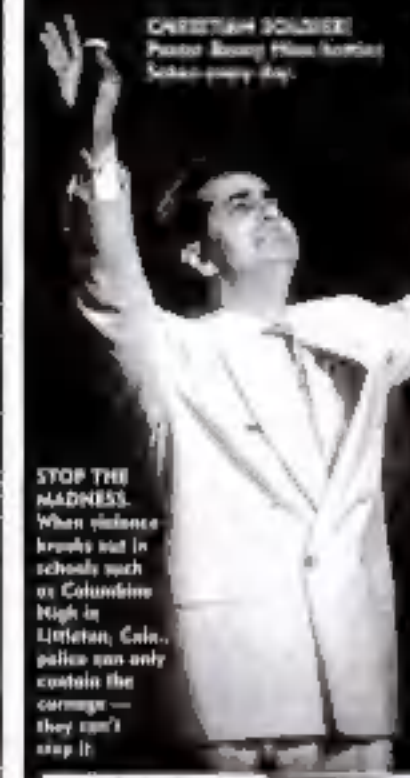
Check out this lucky Web site!

Ouija boards, seances and teenage Devil

EVIL SPIRITS SPREAD TERROR IN SCHOOLS!



CHRISTIAN SOLDIER! Pastor Barry Minn lectures School every day.

STOP THE MADNESS. When violence breaks out in schools such as Columbine High in Littleton, Colo., police can only contain the carnage — they can't stop it.

HE'S WORRIED. President George Bush commissioned the study that blew the lid

WASHINGTON — Occult activity is rampant among America's teens, a chilling new Department of Education study has found. And investigators fear that by holding seances, fooling with Ouija boards and trucking with the Devil, young people have unwittingly unleashed an army of evil spirits that are spreading terror in our nation's schools — and are responsible for the wave of senseless school shootings!

"The children who commit these crimes are influenced by powerful evil forces," said Dr. Brian Gurwood, a leading D.C. minister who was given a leaked copy of the still highly classified report.

"Now the government knows how such forces get into our schools."

The Department of Education researchers found a strong correlation between the recent upsurge in occult activ-

"In most of the school shooting cases, the perpetrators were 'wimpy' kids who had shown no propensity for violence," notes Dr. Gurwood. "This is consistent with classic patterns of demon possession.

"Satan chooses the weak to use as his instruments."

In the study, commissioned by the Bush administration as part of its education reform effort, researchers surveyed high school students coast to coast to assess occult values and beliefs.

Some of the results were shocking. Among the alarming findings:

† Two in three teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 believe that it is possible to be possessed by an evil spirit.

† One in five students has cast a spell and one in nine owns his or her own spell book.

† A shocking 28 percent have witnessed or participated in a Satanic ritual.

† At least 7 percent of teens have sacrificed a family pet or wild animal to the Devil.

ALARMED Dr. Brian Gurwood.

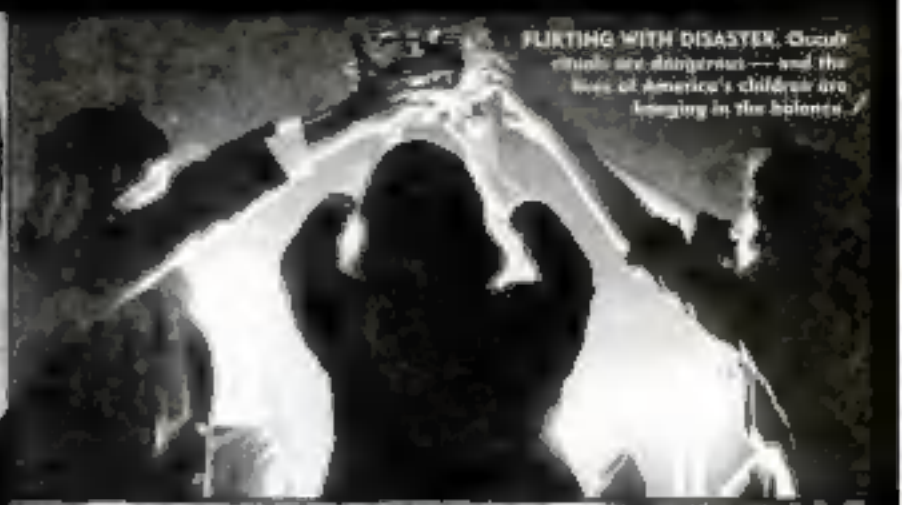
"These are ordinary, all-American kids. It's not just the freaks and geeks crowd anymore," says a Department of

anonymity. "We're talking about cheerleaders and the captain of the debate team."

Experts say that suicide may be driven to the dark side by images in the media, such as rock star Marilyn Manson, who openly identifies himself as a Satan worshiper, and occult movies which depict the Devil as fun, sexy and big-hearted.

"Kids will get together in a classroom after school to light candles and raise demons or go to sleepover parties and mess around with Ouija boards," said Dr. Gurwood.

worshipers unleash the power of Satan!



FLIRTING WITH DISASTER. Occult rituals are dangerous — and the lives of America's children are hanging in the balance

INVOKING THE FORCES OF EVIL. Weak, impressionable teens think Satan is cool — at first!

'Kids don't realize what they're getting into — they have no idea how dangerous this is'

— DR. BRIAN GUSMOND

have no idea how dangerous this stuff is."

But investigators know the dangers all too well.

Their report cites dozens of incidents of demon-related student violence around the country.

In a California school, a group of five friends committed suicide by jumping off a bridge. It later emerged that all of them belonged to a witchcraft club at school.

In a Texas middle school, a brother went berserk at school and shot two fellow students.

In Kansas, a 14-year-old girl who'd been playing with a Ouija board between classes tried to kill a history teacher with a butcher knife, screaming "Your God won't save you."

In each case, these teens were described by peers as "average," said the insider. "Many witnesses said they looked possessed when they carried out the attacks."

The feds have slammed a lid on the report to prevent parents across the country to panic and try to take the law into their own hands," said the insider. "They don't want witch burnings in Small Town, U.S.A." Department of Education officials refuse to even confirm that the study was conducted. But the insider said President Bush is "deeply troubled" by the results.

"We all should be worried," said Dr. Gusmond. "No school child in America is safe."

CHEATING WIFE HER ATTIC FOR 19 YEARS!

INCREDIBLE Sex-crazed Walburga Oosterwijk was serious about her secret lover — and she kept him around full time!

By GAILANNE GROLO
Weekly World News

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS GRAPHICS/STEPH RAMSAY

Catfish can walk on land, swim on their backs — & give you a shock!

WHEATON, Ill. — There are an astonishing 2,000 kinds of catfish, including some that breathe air and walk on land, others that sup prey with 350 volts of electricity — and a tiny but deadly catfish that actually swims inside the human body and causes blood poisoning!

The most dangerous catfish, also one of the smallest, is the parasitic candiru, which inhabits South American rivers. It's also called the urethra fish — because it penetrates the urethra of bathers who relieve themselves in the water.

to pull out because of its backward-pointing spines. Unless it is removed surgically, it can cause fatal blood poisoning.

The electric catfish, which lives in African waters, weighs

superheavyweight.

Using an electrical organ that extends from its head to its tail, the fish generates a powerful 350 volts to kill or stun prey.

surface to breathe air — unlike other fish, which get their oxygen from the water. If the puddle dries up, the fish can actually wriggle across dry land to find another water

years to south Florida.

Another strange species is the Congo catfish — which swims on its back!

One of the largest kinds is the giant catfish. It lives in

HIDES LOVER IN

MILWAUKEE — A cheating housewife pulled the wool over her jealous hubby's eyes for 19 mind-boggling years — while keeping her young lover in the attic where he was available for romance morning, noon and night.

And when Walburga Oesterreich's hardworking husband Fred finally found out what was going on, the romantic pair murdered him in cold blood.

The hot-blooded homemaker had been sleeping around with employees at Fred's apron factory, but she figured all the traveling back and forth was a waste of time that could be better spent in the bedroom.

So when skinny Otto Sandhuber showed up one day in 1903 to fix her sewing machine, sexy Walburga lured him into bed. Otto was 17 — Walburga, a lusty 30.

For a few months the teenage rejuvenation made daily trips to check out the Oesterreich sewing machine until a nosy neighbor mentioned to Fred that a young man was spending a lot of time at the house.

So Walburga moved her lover into the attic. Otto was an aspiring writer, and began tapping out stories on an old typewriter she bought for him.

With no need to pay a generous supply of food, and the loving attention of his landlady, Otto lived the easy life and even began to sell stories to magazines.

And when Walburga's husband complained they were eating an awful lot of food for two people, she told him he was dreaming so heavily that he couldn't even remember all the midnight snacks he polished off.

It was 1918 before Otto, who had turned 32, slipped down to raid the icebox one night after the Oesterreich's went out to a beer party — and Fred caught him in the kitchen polishing off a feast of leftover chicken. Fred had come home early after a fight with his wife, and he tossed the skinny intruder out on his ear.

A few days later, the banged up closet Casanova boarded a train for Los Angeles. In 1919, Walburga joined him there after convincing her husband to move west for his health and buy a house with a big attic.

Otto wrote and lived easy again until August 22, 1922 when Fred caught his secret boarder flat-footed for the second time.

Police were alerted to trouble by neighbors who said they heard gunshots, and a woman's shrieks at the Oesterreich house. Investigators found Fred dead on the floor, and Walburga in a closet where she said burglars had locked her after killing her husband.

It was only after a determined detective gathered enough evidence to arrest Otto, who quickly broke down and admitted shooting his lover's husband four times during a struggle in the kitchen.

But his lawyer mounted such an inspired defense, a jury agreed that Otto was led astray by an older woman and pronounced him guilty of manslaughter instead of murder. The three-year statute of limitations for manslaughter had expired long ago, so he walked out of court a free man.

Walburga was also charged with murder, but Otto had admitted being the killer, and a jury was unable to reach a verdict in her trial in 1923.

Authorities then dropped all charges against the straying housewife, poignantly described by her lawyer as — "a poor old lady of 53."

VIAGRA STICKUP!

RACINE, Wis. — When a pharmacist told a man wanting to buy Viagra that he needed a prescription, the man left the store and returned — not with a prescription but with a gun. The druggist gave the man all the Viagra on hand: Two full and two partly-filled bottles, cops said.

GOVT. FORECASTERS PREDICT HOTTEST SUMMER IN 100 YEARS!

WASHINGTON — Hottest year of the century — 1997. Stormiest — 1988. Deadliest tornado outbreak — 1974. But if you thought you've seen Mother Nature's worst, wait'll you discover what's forecast for this summer, a top government meteorologist warns.

DRY AS A BONE. The hottest summer weather in 100 years will leave parts of the U.S. parched — and other areas flooded.

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO
Weekly World News

"The weather professional who requested anonymity said, "Studies by the National Climate Data Center in Asheville, N.C., will curl your hair — they show the weather from year to year growing ever hotter and more extreme. Nine of the past 11 years have been the hottest on record and this summer will be even hotter, according to the NCDC. That's frightening in its implications for droughts, tornadoes and storms, including hurricanes.

"In just the past two decades, the U.S. has suffered 48 'extreme weather' disasters. And in each one, the overall damages reached or far exceeded $1 billion dollars.

"Forty one of these disasters occurred during the 12 years 1988-2000.

"Seven occurred during 1998 alone — the most for any year on record!"

Here's the nightmare in store for summer, according to computer models based on past trends and current global conditions.

As one NCDC insider put it: "Hot isn't the word for what we've got to look forward to. From coast-to-coast, in every state, it'll be like living in a blast furnace."

Here are some specifics:

HEAT WAVE AND DROUGHT — Florida and the eastern and central U.S., the Northern Plains and California "will suffer a grievously hot and dry summer," said the forecaster.

An estimated 10,000 Americans died in the historic heat wave and drought that occurred in the summer of 1980 — and this summer promises to be worse — with 30,000 deaths expected.

"Losses to agriculture and related industries are projected to exceed $60 billion, compared to losses of $40 billion in 1998," said the meteorologist.

Horrendous firestorms are forecast to ravage timberlost California once again.

TORNADOES — On April 3-4, 1974, the worst outbreak of "super-tornadoes" ever to hit the U.S. tore across 2,000 miles of the Midwest and South.

Incredibly, 30 of the whopping 148 twisters were classified as nature's most violent — with winds easily reaching 300 m.p.h. More than 300 people were killed, over 5,000 injured.

"The Weather Service calls it the 'Xenia Tornado Outbreak' and conditions shape up for a similar super-tornado disaster beginning in late May," said the meteorologist.

Towns facing the greatest risk include the following: In Ohio — Xenia, Taylor Park, Niles, Gallipolis; in Alabama — Birmingham, Pleasant Grove, Broken Bow, Spring Hope, Maxwell; in Texas — Jarrell, Brownwood, Valley Mills, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Waco; in Kansas — Andover, Goessel, Hesston, Topeka, Udall; in Mississippi — Jackson, Delhi, Warren; in Iowa — Jordan, Maynard, Charles City, Belmond, Adair; in Illinois — Chicago, Plainfield, Sunfield; in Wisconsin — Oakfield, Barneveld, Menomonee; other targets: Waynesboro and Monroe, Tenn.; Indianapolis and Daisy Hill, Ind.; Grand Rapids and Flint, Mich.; Fargo and Fort Rice, N. Dakota; Gregory, S. Dakota; Chandler and Brandenburg, Ky.; Tracy, Minn.; Ruskin Heights, Missouri, and Bradshaw, Nebr.

Deadly storms & drought, too!

HURRICANES — In August and September 1998, Hurricanes Bonnie and Georges wreaked more than $7 billion in damage and killed at least 18 people in North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. This summer, three hurricanes are expected to threaten these states, plus Texas — including one Category 5 storm with winds up to 300 m.p.h.

FLOODS — Severe and dangerous deluges are forecast along the Trinity, Red and Arkansas Rivers in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, with New Orleans and Dallas particularly at risk.

Life-threatening flooding is also forecast for parts of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Minnesota and Virginia.

World's biggest roach is a hefty

TOKYO — Gene-tinkering DNA scientists in Japan have bred the world's biggest cockroach — a monster bug so rocket-long that tips the scales at a staggering 11 pounds!

"The huge insect, as big as some lap dogs, lives on a diet of baby

Marijuana is still king in Kentucky!

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Marijuana remains the state's No. 1 cash crop — "bigger than tobacco," says Ray Stargill, director of the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Said a state cop: "Daniel Boone would turn over in his grave."

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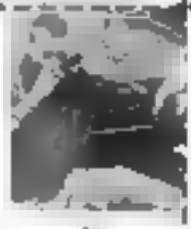

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HERE'S WHAT'S

HOT IN HOLLYWOOD!

SURPRISE: Jennifer and Brad's love shower takes an unpleasant turn.

BRAD & JENNIFER FIND CORPSE IN THEIR BATHTUB!

BRAD PITT and JENNIFER ANISTON are preparing to take a lovey-dovey shower together at their home in the Santa Monica Mountains when they walk naked into the [redacted] — and discover a mutilated corpse in their tub. Investigators say the unidentified male victim apparently was dumped in the couple's tub by intruders who broke into their home earlier in the evening while they were at dinner. Cops say they have no idea why the body was placed where it was or who committed the grisly crime.

★ ★ ★

Oscar winner JULIA ROBERTS, a die-hard Democrat, is tossed into a dingy Washington, D.C., jail with prostitutes, thieves and drug addicts after chaining herself to the fence surrounding the White House to protest President Bush's environmental policies. The Pretty Woman's lawyers appear immediately to bail her out, but courageous Julia insists on remaining in jail until her court appearance two days later.

★ ★ ★

While undergoing hypnotherapy at a London clinic, an unsuspecting MADONNA discovers that she led a past life — as a cannibal killer in 12th-century Spain. The stunned songbird learns that she was part of a starving gang of orphans who roamed the countryside, robbing and murdering travelers and consuming their flesh. Madonna's shocked reaction to the revelation: "I'm not eating anything for a week!"

Sammy Welk Celebrity Prediction

★ ★ ★

Scarface star AL PACINO amazingly claims that he owes his life to a friendly bigfoot that brings him roots and berries and water after his chartered plane crashed in the Washington wilderness near Mount St. Helens. Pacino — who suffers a broken leg and vertebrae back in the crash that kills his pilot — spends six days alone in the wild before rescuers spot the wreckage and bring him to safety.

★ ★ ★

The ghost of shock talk-show guru MORTON DOWNEY JR. appears unexpectedly on OPRAH WINFREY — and berates her for the "wimpy grovelling" way she treats her guests. Downey's belligerent spirit is seen by millions of TV viewers and is produced of the studio audience after Oprah's psychic pal Sylvia Browne summons it during a séance.

HOLLYWOOD ANSWER GIRL!

Ask Christie

Q Cute HUGH GRANT has played the role of a bumbling nice guy in most of the movies I've seen, but in Bridget Jones's Diary, he plays a nasty EDB — and does a great job, too. What's he think about being the bad guy for a change?

— Esther N., London, England

A I can tell you, old Hugh's in seventh heaven over the juicy role. "Everyone loves to play the villain," says the star of Notting Hill and Four Weddings and a Funeral. "It's always more fun. I'm sick of playing Mr. Nice Guy. In fact, I think everyone's sick of it."

★ ★ ★

Q I've got to know — what happened to LEE EVANS? He stole the show playing the fake crippled architect in There's Something About Mary. I've been waiting for him to turn up in something else, but it's like he's just vanished off the face of the Earth. What happened?

— Susan D., Kansas City, Missouri

A The sad fact is, that wonderful comedian and actor got so fed up with Hollywood — and especially with trying to write for American TV sitcoms — that he packed up and moved home to London, where he now has his own BBC sitcom, Lee Evans — So What Now. Evans says the notoriety killed him, then gave him so much grief he actually went back to his hotel room and cried before deciding to ditch Hollywood for good.

★ ★ ★

Q I know my favorite country singer TRAVIS TRITT and my fave driver, DALE EARNHARDT, were buddies. Now I hear Travis does a tribute to Dale on each of his shows. Can you tell me more about it?

— Sammy M., Birmingham, Ala.

A The country superstar has a gorgeous black Sam Ash guitar with the late NASCAR champ's famous autograph on the front — a guitar which he never meant to play. But after Earnhardt's fatal accident in February, Tritt began kicking off every concert by strapping on the instrument and singing a song in memory of his driver pal.

Send your questions to: Ask Christie, Hollywood Answer Girl, c/o Weekly World News, 3441 NW Boston Postal Blvd., Boca Raton, Fla. 33487

Who wants to be a . . .

JACKASS?

It's called Jackass, it's on MTV and it may be the only prime-time show in America that's named for its audience. I mean, who but a first-class donkey is going to sit in front of the tube and watch grown men and women wallowing in human and animal poop, stapling odd objects to their flesh, beating each other silly with croquet mallets or gulping down goldfish or swamp water until they puke their guts out in living color!

MTV claims that three-ring circus of depravity and degradation sucks in 3 million viewers a week — which proves there are a lot more real-life dingbats and buttheads out there than most adults can possibly imagine.

Tune in and see Santa Claus get a colonic, his waste flowing visibly through transparent tubing. Watch star Johnny Knoxville don a bulletproof vest and shoot himself with a .38-caliber pistol. Watch gruesome gals gobble hard-boiled eggs until they hurl their selves silly for [illegible]

Knoxville [illegible] a [illegible] down [illegible] as the thing's [illegible] upside down and [illegible] chocolate sauce.

[illegible] can't always distinguish between what's truly dangerous and what's just plain sick. A 13-year-old Connecticut boy was critically burned when he tried to imitate a stunt in which Knoxville donned a flame-retardant suit, laden with steaks, then cooked the steaks over a [illegible] barbecue grill.

In [illegible] case, the boy crashed before the steaks did.

[illegible] Knoxville says his mom [illegible] when she watches [illegible] boy at work. "It makes us want to [illegible] little, too — but probably not for the same reasons."

Sopranos star Tony Sirico doesn't need no stinkin' director to tell him how to play hit man Paulie Walnuts on everybody's favorite gangster show. Tony was a real-life mob enforcer and stickup man before the acting bug bit him — and he has the bullet holes and prison record to prove it.

Tough-talking Tony was arrested 28 times during his life of crime, but was convicted only twice, once on a weapons charge and once for armed robbery. He served a total of seven years behind bars.

The thug-turned-thespian once described his technique for collecting protection money this way: "You hit them over the head with a baseball bat and they come around."

During his last stay in prison, Sirico saw a show by a group of ex-con actors and decided to give it a try. And it appears his new career is going to work out just fine — 'cause he's now appeared in 40 movies and on more than 20 different TV shows.

"I'm no angel. I'm a little tarnished, but I'm no hostile, either," says the 57-year-old star, who still lives in Brooklyn with his

Kate Beckinsale cute [illegible] star of the [illegible] Pearl Harbor, has most [illegible] thinking she's [illegible] and [illegible] young Lady. But [illegible] she [illegible] brought [illegible] during [illegible] of her [illegible]

The [illegible] University grad had a nude scene in the movie and the [illegible] she had [illegible] because the scene [illegible] [illegible] at The Last Days of Disco and [illegible] in the [illegible]

The nights are long and cold in the tiny Russian republic of Khakassia, and the women are ready for [illegible] all over [illegible] a [illegible] to stay officials there [illegible] across a picture of Michael Douglas [illegible] Catherine Zeta-Jones in a Western magazine, he [illegible] was [illegible]

Magician DAVID COPPERFIELD doesn't want any dang foreigners or [illegible] jabbering in his ear when he's getting ready to levitate across the Grand Canyon or make the Statue of Liberty disappear. Copperfield's standard performance contract demands that he be assigned a [illegible] who speaks fluent English.

[illegible] postage stamp.

We don't know anything about her except that she [illegible] a postage [illegible] a post office [illegible]. But she has a beautiful face and [illegible] and [illegible] has fallen in love with her."

Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell — [illegible] [illegible] attracted [illegible] been [illegible] for theft, shoplifting and [illegible] [illegible] said.

[illegible] later, [illegible] broke into HER London apartment, [illegible] the place and stole a few thousand [illegible] worth of electronic gadgets. [illegible] address [illegible]

minor stuff anymore — stealing other people's belongings and trashing their lives was the limit. [illegible] "I just can't understand how anyone could be so crazy," she [illegible]

[illegible] perhaps [illegible]?

SACRED POOL CURES THE SICK — BUT IT'S FULL OF CROCODILES!

COME ON IN - THE WATER'S FINE! Hungry crocs await true believers at the sacred pool of Gandia.

By GAILANNE GROLO

BANJUL, Gambia — A sacred pool in suburban Bakau makes women pregnant and heals the sick — but they have to bathe with hungry crocodiles.

Despite the presence of more than 100 big green crocodiles, barren women and ailing tourists travel to the pool daily from all over the world to swim in the waters.

"We don't realize how sacred [illegible] to be able to have children or the part [illegible] all one's becomes the magic of the pool — it's [illegible]

[illegible] to be petted by pinky [illegible]

Many women [illegible] the pool's spiritual guide and wash of the pool and pour [illegible] of water to wash in the body behind [illegible] and when they [illegible]

Woman gets death penalty for drunken driving!

KABUL, Afghanistan — A tough judge sentenced a woman to death by hanging on a second conviction for drunken driving — "to set an example."

By KATHY BERNADETTE
Weekly World News

In condemning 30-year-old Elsie Jeffries, a South African archeologist working a dig south of the city, judge Sayyid Zar Qala said, "Alcohol is injurious to reason and diminishes a person's intelligence, moral sense, logical powers and spiritual sensitivity. A single drop of it is strictly forbidden by Islamic law. Your punishment is death by rope."

As she was being led from the courtroom weeping, Jeffries called out to the [illegible] fundamentalist judge, "But I didn't hurt anyone. I didn't kill anyone. Please. How can you do this to me?"

Jeffries' lawyer made the same argument during her trial.

"It is not as if she hit somebody with her car while driving drunk," he said.

"She harmed no one. Alcohol is forbidden to Muslims, but Ms. Jeffries is Roman Catholic."

Afghanistan made world headlines in February when the country's boss Mullah Mohammed Omar ordered the destruction of huge 1,500-year-old stone statues of Buddha because, he said, they insulted his religion.

A spokesman for the South African government, Robert [illegible], said his country will [illegible]

"We understand that the judge in the case wants to make an example of Ms. Jeffries. If she had killed someone with her car, a harsh jail sentence surely would be in order. But condemning her to death on religious grounds, for multiple drunken driving, is worthy of reconsideration. And we feel confident that the Mullah is a compassionate man who will commute her death sentence."

Ms. Jeffries, who is single, was apprehended for driving erratically and failed a sobriety test, authorities said.

It was her second conviction since she arrived in the country in 1998. On her first [illegible]

SINGING FISH SURVIVES INFERNO!

SKEGNESS, England — A mechanical singing fish was the only thing to survive a raging fire — and the upbeat toy kept singing the whole time!

Firemen who put out the blaze at a fish-and-chips shop discovered the big Mouth Billy Bass still belting out "Don't Worry, Be Happy" in the charred ruins.

"Everything else was destroyed, but the fish was singing his heart out," shop owner Gail Wheaton told a

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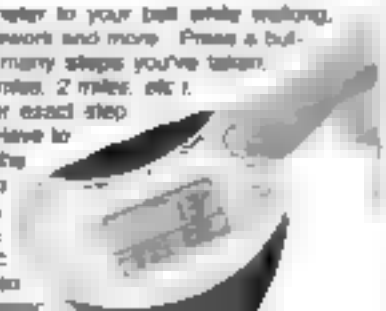

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FOREVER YOUNG!

61-YEAR-OLD BEAUTY HASN'T AGED SINCE 1969!

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO

PHOENIX — At 61, Eva Makropulous looks to be in her 20s — and in some ways, she is!

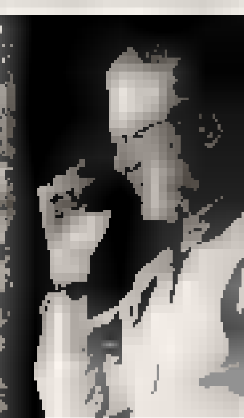
Dr. Frank Colangelo

But her husband sure did. He's 66 — and looks it!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

MEET THE LUCKY GUY WHO GETS PAID TO DRINK ON THE JOB!

Kentucky man has tasted 400,000 barrels of whiskey



My America

BY ED ANGER

TV JUST WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS!

BUTT-KICKIN' XENA: Pretty as a princess, mean as a mofo!

I'm madder than a construction worker with a busted hard hat over the latest bad news to come out of Hollywood.

Last week I found out they're taking Bozo the Clown off TV . . . and I admit I was pretty upset about it. But now they've gone too far by blamed far.

They're taking off Xena the Warrior Princess!

I wanna know who's making these stupid decisions. It's that same knucklehead who has never even been a television broke into the programmer's office and said, "Hey, a mean killing all the best shows."

Xena was a fine program the whole family would watch together. It had action for the men and romance for the women. And every week there was a brand new, fast-moving story.

But the best part was the fact that Xena taught a lesson to little girls that it's okay to get in fights when you're mad or for [illegible].

You'd think with a message like that, feminists would be petitioning all over the place to keep the show on the air.

My guess is the only thing that's keeping them from marching in the streets is that the actress who plays Xena is a lesbian — and feminists never support a woman who isn't as ugly as they are.

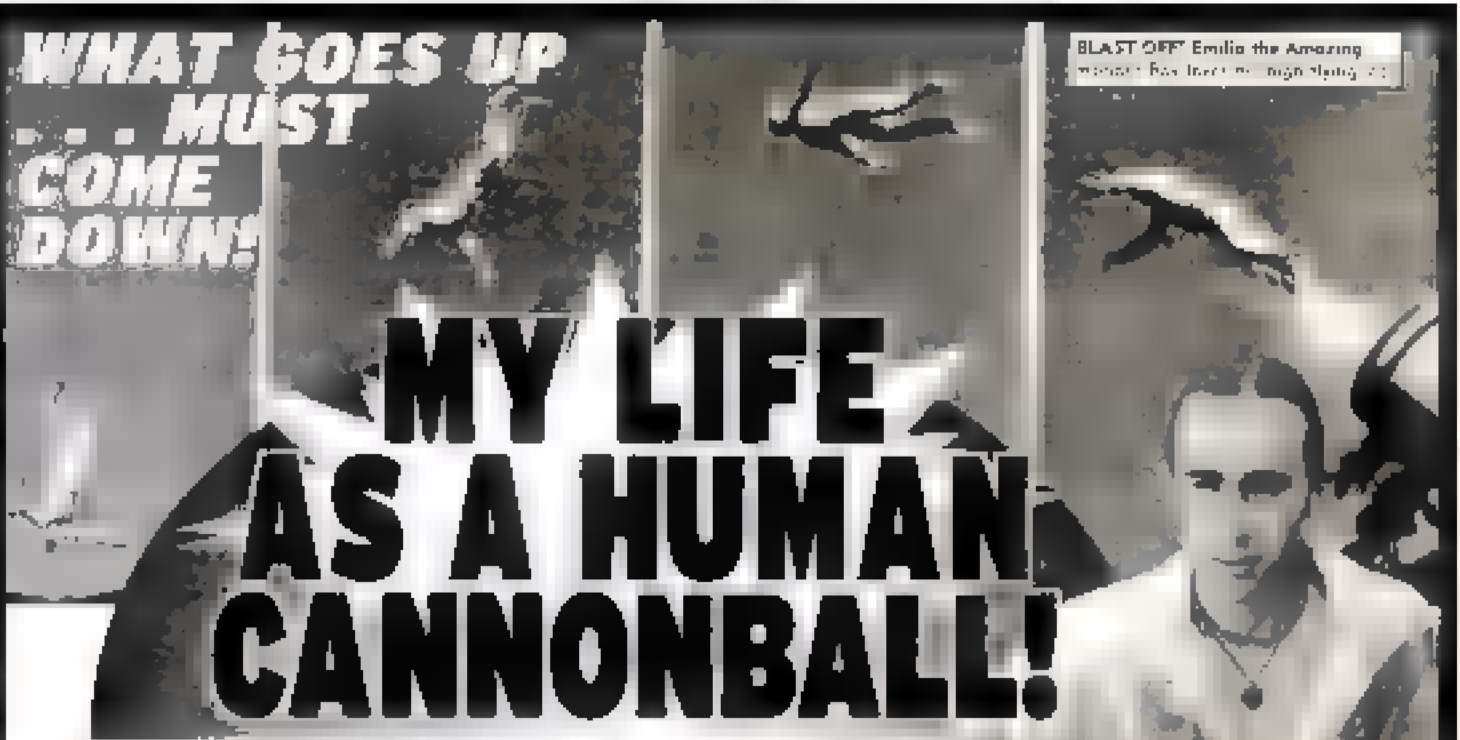
It's finally time for TV watching Americans to stand up and demand that shows like this be left on the air. And don't waste valuable airtime on your local TV station. They don't have anything to do with what goes on the air.

Call your congressmen and senators directly. Remind them that taxpayers' money was used to set up the entire broadcast system [illegible] United States.

[illegible] get the pro-[illegible] and diverse, maybe an equally stupid pull the plug on the whole thing — and this nothing but those tedious patterns and civil defense warnings. (People will like)

Ed Anger

SHE MEANS BUSINESS! Xena, played by actress Lucy Lawless, could hold her own in any fight [illegible] even opposite cops!



BLAST OFF! Emilio the Amazing [illegible]

MY LIFE AS A HUMAN CANNONBALL!

MILAN, Italy — Emilio the Amazing is the world's greatest human cannonball! He's been shot out of a cannon an eardrum-busting 5,132 times — and he recently set a new distance record when he was catapulted an incredible 620 feet!

Being a human cannonball is [illegible] the greatest thrill in the world," said the [illegible], whose full name is Emilio [illegible]. "[illegible] Some people may think I'm crazy, but I wouldn't give it up for anything."

Emilio [illegible] his cannonball [illegible] for over a decade. When he was [illegible] he went to the circus with friends and was amazed by a human cannonball.

[illegible] After months of begging and pleading, the [illegible]-year-old [illegible] agreed to teach Emilio [illegible].

"He taught me everything, such as how to control your body in the air and how to land without being hurt." Emilio recalls. "Eventually I joined the act as Emilio the Amazing Wonder Boy."

Since then, Emilio has traveled all over the world with the circus, delighting audiences in 52 countries. He's [illegible]

[illegible] attempting a handstand [illegible]

Over the years, Emilio has also had his share of [illegible] moments.

Once his pants flew off in mid-flight, several times his [illegible] and four times he landed in the audience.

One time I [illegible] a woman [illegible]" he recalled. "I was terrified [illegible] but [illegible] protected [illegible] She was [illegible]

Emilio says that the key to his [illegible] is thorough planning and preparation.

"[illegible] he [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and with [illegible]

[illegible]

— By VINCENZO SARDI

Naked man terrifies car-stealing punks!

BUTLER, Pa. — A gang of punks got more than they bargained for and fled screaming when Joe Clark reportedly noticed they were trying to steal his Ford Bronco early one morning.

The operator of Tattoos by Boomer Joe, Clark was naked except for his [illegible] [illegible] he grabbed his [illegible] handgun and exploded out his door close on the heels of the terrified kids.

Police who took the suspects in custody claimed "they never saw kids so scared in their life," Clark later told the Butler Eagle.

Web heads watch slim couple gain 30 lbs!

CHICAGO — Wanna watch a gal or guy gorge on food and get fat? Some 1.5 million people did. They tuned into a Web site so the [illegible]

"We wanted to watch people put on the pounds," said Christian Rudder, managing editor of The Spark, an online humor site.

[illegible] pounds. The pair chowed down on pizza, donuts and other fattening foods.

"[illegible]

THE RIGHT WAY TO QUIT YOUR JOB — & GET HAPPY FAST!

NEW YORK — Ignorance and financial fear keep people stuck in jobs they hate. But if you're one of these unhappy people, information can set you free.

"The unknown can be frightening. The more you know the less there is to fear," says Valerie Young, a self-described "life change master" writing in *Changing Courses Ltd.*

Here are a few invaluable tips for getting the information you need to summon up the courage to change jobs.

LOOK WITHIN — Bill W., a 28-year-old Web designer hates the work and wants to become a locksmith. "But locksmiths are blue-collar grunts and don't make the money I'm used to," he says, admitting he's scared.

So the first thing he must do is look inside and face his fear, as well.

When Working Woman magazine asked women business owners why they became entrepreneurs the number one response was freedom — not money.

Bill needed to decide what he really wants. Then —

LOOK TO OTHERS — The best information about any line of work comes from those already doing it. If you want to become a locksmith, talk to a locksmith.

Bill talked to several very smiths and not only found them extremely helpful but very smart

but the "blue-collar grunts" he expected hated his job DIPLOMATICALLY.

LOOK AT ME — Bill searched around on line and discovered that locksmiths can make a lot more money than he thought. Instead of just looking up "locksmith job postings," Bill also played with terms like "locksmith + high earning potential + $100,000 a year."

"After doing my homework," said Bill, "the fear of changing jobs was no longer a concern. Knowledge is power, for as the saying goes."

— By DENNIS D. ANTONIO

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BELT SANDER

RED LODGE, Mont. — The main thing is having fun, and the enthusiasts who race belt sanders — the newest "sport" sweeping the country — are A-BUZZ about it.

The very first belt sander drag race was held at Nielson's Lumber in Point Robert, Wash. in 1987.

"And since then it's taken on a life of its own," says the lumberyard's owner/operator Lonnie Nielson.

Today the International Belt Sander Drag Race Association spins and sands all over the country. And the past summer thousands gathered for the world champ-ionships held at the Rock Creek Drive-in Raceway in Red Lodge.

The winged-up sanders all shakes and dust ... race on a straight ... track and the fastest ... cross over the finish ... number 13 wobble ... appear alone at a blurring ...

The winning time at Red Lodge was a ... 13 sec-onds.

If you're a relative of a kid ... dude who ... and you want to learn more about ... sanding and watch ... you can contact the IBDA at ... belt-sander race info ... write to the IBDA at ... Edwards Drive ... Point Roberts, Wash-ington.

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DRAG RACING

WILD & WACKY. Soapbox derby drag racers come in all kinds of one-of-a-kind designs limited only by the imagination. Enthusiasts are even allowed to soup up the electric motor, or install a more powerful one.

BEYOND 10 RACE. A few of the first amateur entrants in the world championship drag races were even just plain old tools sitting on hardware store shelves before being given new "lives."

RACE CRAZY. Gerry Haggman, left, and Fred Tust call themselves "The Home Improvement Guys" and promote fast, under-power races in the

WOMAN PREGNANT FOR 24 MONTHS!

AUKLAND, New Zealand — Miriam and Lee Polesky are a patient couple. A record 24 months after she got pregnant they're still waiting for their baby boy to be born.

"Conceiving him was WAY more fun than carrying him," says Miriam, 27.

Lee, 30, joked: "Look at the bright side, honey. By the time he's born he'll be old enough to look after himself."

By the time he's born he'll be old enough to look after himself

But the time has been right, Miriam said. "He'll be the size of a guitar. I've been pregnant so long I forget what it's like to be empty. I'd bet his fingernails are long enough to clip his own nose."

Lee told a reporter: "We're naming him Howard after the cartoonist Howard Hughes. Our little Howie is just fine ... [illegible]."

Said Miriam, "He better come soon or I'm going after him [illegible] floor and board."

Dr. Polesky's physician, Dr. Jasper Sahm said, "There are definite signs the baby and he born any day. Mrs. Polesky's 24 months is a record. The previous record was 21 months or [illegible]."

By most tests and theories, the baby is overdue. We don't know what causes a fetus to remain in the uterus longer than the normal 38 to 42 weeks.

A pregnancy that lasts longer than 42 weeks is called a "postdate baby." Long fingernails and lanugo are one of the more noticeable features of postdate babies.

"In the office we were joking that she'd give birth to a full grown 2-year-old child."

Strangely enough, postdate babies usually weigh less than regular-term infants, Dr. Sahm revealed.

"The placenta becomes less able to provide nutrients the longer the gestation—pregnancy continues. The fetus may need to be induced and can

WAITING GAME. Miriam and Lee Polesky agreed not to induce labor unless their baby's life was in jeopardy

'She'll give birth to a full-grown 2-year-old child!' says doc

BABY DOCTOR Dr. Jasper Sahm confirms the Polesky's baby should arrive any day

Postmature babies tend to be born with little fat under the skin so the skin can hang loosely on the arms and legs.

"If the placenta can't provide sufficient nutrients the standard procedure is to induce labor or remove the object for research.

But that hasn't yet become necessary in Mrs. Polesky's case. The baby is still doing well."

Said Miriam: "My mother died giving birth to my brother who was premature. The doctors induced labor and there were horrible complications. I'm having none of that unless there's an emergency and my baby's not ready to be born."

– By DENNIS D'ANTONIO

Hindu goddess 'fired' — for entering puberty!

KATMANDU, Nepal — The goddess business may sound like a dream job — but it isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Hindus and Buddhists in this mountain nation have been beating the bushes for a new living goddess ever since the last "incarnation" — the Nepalese word for virgin — was kicked out of the job when she entered puberty, started menstruating and became a mortal.

New candidates must be no older than 5 and come from a special clan of Buddhists.

But the lucky girl can look forward to years of pampering before her life is turned topsy-turvy and she is returned to the outside world with considerably dim marriage prospects. Any man who weds a former goddess is doomed to die young, according to Nepalese folklore.

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

If I don't drive drunk, how am I supposed to get to work?

JERRY in Louisiana

Dear Dotti: For as long as I can remember, I've had a phobia about bridges. I get nervous just looking at them and driving across them makes me so scared I just can't [illegible] it unless I've had a drink [illegible] settle my nerves. [illegible] solution has worked pretty well up until now. I find that if I take two or three glasses of wine before I hit the road, I have no trouble going over the bridge I have to cross to get to work each day.

The problem is that recently I was pulled over for DUI. I told the patrolman my situation, but he laughed in my face. The judge let me off with a fine, but he warned me that if I get caught driving under the influence again, I'll lose my license. So now I'm in a jam. How am I supposed to get to work? — Jerry in Louisiana

Dear Jerry: Why don't you do what all the other drunks out there do — climb the rear and ride one of those stupid no license required mopeds I see scooting around all over the place?

Teacher took my boy's pants!

Dear Dotti: Brandon was so frightened he literally wet his pants. My wife and I are furious at how this teacher behaved — obviously, she's seen too much on TV about Columbine and all that stuff and she overreacted. But that's no excuse for terrorizing my son. What action do you think I should take? — Earl in Wyoming

Dear Earl: Better your son wet his pants at school rather than lose bowel control in the electric chair. The bottom line! Be grateful the boy got caught before somebody got injured. And from now on, just keep those guns of yours out of the crumb snatcher's reach.

Today's kids are much cooler than Baby Boomers!

Dear Dotti: I read an article in your paper where some crazy college professor said the generation of kids are the most normal ever. Get real! Kids today are the COOLEST in history — and I might be known. Upset I'm one of them! Where was more yelling, did they have child-hoarding? Everyone rings "MTV"? I don't think so! I mean, no offense, Dotti, but look at your picture with that old-fashioned Leave it to Beaver hairdo. Then look at the picture of myself I sent along. Be honest with yourself for a minute and think about whose generation is really [illegible] you Baby Boomers? — Blaine in California

Dear Blaine: For starters, punk, I'm too young to be a Baby Boomer. Aside from that, don't be a nerd. Oops, too late.

Who's planting panties in my hubby's truck?

Dear Dotti: Someone keeps pulling a prank on my husband Jeff that's really irritating. He's a long-haul truck driver and just about every time he comes home from a run, I find a pair of women's panties in his 18-wheeler. The first time it happened, I was helping him clean up the cab and came across a red thong buried under all the empty fast-food containers and soda cans. Jeff explained that one of his buddies must have slipped it in there as a gag when he was at a truck stop. They always pull tricks like that on each other. He laughed his butt off and I thought it was pretty funny, too. The next few times I got the humor of it, but now this has been going on for about six months and I'm like, "enough is enough." The problem is, Jeff swears up and down he has no idea who's putting the undies in his truck. Do you believe him? — Alison in Georgia

Dear Alison: I don't believe him but I'm in my right mind. You, obviously, are not.

Oversexed hubby wants my [illegible] lovin' every [illegible]

LINDSEY in South Dakota

Dear Dotti: Please help! My husband is a sex maniac and I don't know what to do about it! He wants to "get busy," as he likes to put it, once a week and when I tell him I'm not interested, he freezes and pouts and acts like I'm the problem. As soon as we get married, I told him that all that nasty business wasn't important to me and that once every month or so would be just fine. Not every weekend. Like clockwork, he starts trying to climb all over me. I hate being treated like I'm nothing but a sex object. What should I do? — Lindsey in South Dakota

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Ecstatic in Arkansas: I don't know who met you at that motel last week, but it sure as hell wasn't me!

Dear Foolish Guy in Connecticut: What did you expect from a man with a $50,000 porno collection — warm milk and Bible stories?

Dear Worried in Montana: If I were you I'd send way over — and kiss him goodbye!

Dear Skeptic in the Bahamas: I didn't say I have a master's degree. I said I have TWO master's degrees — and don't you forget it!

Dear Blind in Minnesota: I'd call you a moron if you could read this. Unfortunately, you can't!

Dear Jobless in New Mexico: The next time you decide to put sugar in the boss' gas tank, do it at night!

Dear Suspicious in Indiana: The best way to find out if your husband is cheating is to accuse him of it and see how he reacts!

BAT BOY MUSICAL HITS BROADWAY

'Who Gets the Order For the Bloody Mary?'

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'... it's remarkable that intelligent wit can accomplish'

HE'S A ★★★★ FOUR STA

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

NEW YORK CITY — A new musical based on the real-life story of Bat Boy — and the show is delighting audiences and winning rave reviews from critics!

Bat Boy: The Musical, which opened at the historic Union Square Theatre on March 21, was inspired by a news article about the mystery man-bat half human child found in a West Virginia cave that made World News

The play only borrows the bare bones of the true story. In the musical, Bat Boy is eventually caught by a local like a big supposed beast, but humor, while sometimes off the wall, is never the real emphasis but never is used in more than small a few simple words.

Nevertheless, critics in the Big Apple have been heaping praise on the off-Broadway production.

Bat Boy has a name rumbles the Daily News, call ... and a "totally charming show

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LACK OF SLEEP IS TURNING US INTO A NATION OF ZOMBIES

ATLANTA — A whopping one-third of Americans are sleep-deprived "zombies" — walking around, working and driving in a dangerous daze, says an expert.

"Think of it — with our population over 280 million, that's millions and millions of adult accident-prone zombies on the streets and in the workplace," says a sleep studies expert.

A study by the National Sleep Foundation reports that fully a third of Americans don't get nearly enough sleep. Half of adults report driving while drowsy. Twenty-four percent of 18- to 29-year-olds admit dozing off at the wheel. Incredibly, 12 percent admit driving home when they're sleepy.

Statistics show fatigue contributes to more than 100,000 highway crashes, causing 71,000 injuries and 1,500 deaths a year.

Forty-five percent of all adults say they go without sleep in an effort to accomplish more.

Forty percent of younger adults report being sleepy at work at least a couple of days a week.

And a fantastic 40 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders, according to the NSF.

— By WALLY CLEMMEL

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[illegible] MAKES A MOST UNUSUAL GIFT

ADULTS ONLY ORDER FORM

Medical Research Press [illegible]

Heading for the beach? Watch this video first!

LOS ANGELES — A new home video set for release this summer may shock you into rubber shoes during the beach season — because it stars no real swimmers!

The video flick, Sharky's Most Horrifying Encounters, is a compilation of computer edits by creative artists around the world and features surfers and swimmers all meeting the same grisly fate.

In one of the most popular sequences, an unsuspecting soldier in wool trunks joins the surf. The shark is turned over by the waves and thrown while the amateur videographer — apparently an Army buff 30 years ago — makes no effort to intervene.

The shocking video is so gruesome that many retail outlets such as Blockbuster are not even putting it on their shelves.

HORNET JUICE HELPS YOU RUN FASTER!

SYDNEY, Australia — One crafty competitor had a secret weapon in last summer's Olympic games — bug juice!

Runner Naoko Takahashi, who won the gold in the women's marathon, improved her performance by drinking the stomach juice of giant killer hornets, according to a report in the Queensland Times.

The bizarre bug juice provides athletes with an extra "kick," say some runners who swear by the stuff. But the Olympic Committee has no rules banning the all-natu-

Serena Sabak

AMERICA'S SEXIEST PSYCHIC

Why do I dream of dancing eggplants?

Dear Serena: For weeks now I have had a recurring dream about eggplants wearing fancy clothes and dancing around me. The clothes and music change, but the theme always stays the same. I bought a dream interpretation book, but I can't find anything like that. What can it mean? — Penny in Hartford

PENNY in Hartford

Dear Penny: Dreams are extremely personal and can't always be interpreted by a general definition in your mind. I happen to know you detest eggplant, but since your father loved it, your mother was put in a(n) [illegible] dress and forced you to "clean your plate." I also know you have taken on a job that you know you'd dislike but the money and perks were irresistible. Bottom line: you now dress it up, but it's still eggplant.

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: My mother suddenly passed away six months ago. She had always told me about a valuable family heirloom that she would give me when I turned 21. That day is here, but I have no idea what or where the heirloom might be. I don't care about the monetary value, only the connection to her. Can you help? — Grieving in Willow Barre

Dear Grieving: Your mother has been desperately trying to contact you. Haven't you been dreaming about her? She is sorry she didn't have time to say good bye, but she wants you and your brother to keep the happy times and now be checking in with you from time to time. The heirloom is in an envelope in the back of one of the old photo albums to her closet. And yes, the signature is quite genuine.

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: I was just laid off after 23 years with the same company. I'm almost 50 and afraid no one will have a need my age. I don't even know where to start looking. Any suggestions? — Lost in Chicago

DeDeNA in Milwaukee

Dear Lost: God never closes a door without opening a window. On the 25th of next month, look for an ad in the hotel restaurant classifieds section of The Tribune that reads like it was created just for you. I'm sure. Don't be concerned with the starting pay, it will be enough.

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: I broke up with my ex-boyfriend months ago, but he's still calling and telling people we're together. What's really weird is that no other guys are asking me out, even though I was always popular before. What's up? — Lonely in Ft. Lauderdale

Dear Lonely: It's not as weird as you think. In fact I've seen a lot of cases like this. Your ex's desire to hold on is so strong it actually creates an invisible barrier around you. On the next full moon, find light a white candle to shine your good intentions then gently reach to remove the barrier. Lastly light a pink candle with the loving wish that your ex will quickly find a new love for himself. Let them burn out on their own. Your field will then be clear to bring in someone real for yourself.

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Dear Serena: I recently met two men who are practically opposite in appearance and personality, yet I feel equally attracted to both of them. I know the time is coming for me to make a choice, but I can't seem to do it. Can you tell me who would make the better husband for me? — Donna in Milwaukee

Dear Donna: I can certainly understand how you could be torn between these two men. They both have some wonderful qualities. But if it's a husband you're looking for one of them will never get around to making that commitment in you and your own intuition should tell you that. Just in case your hormones are clouding that judgment, however, go for the one with the letters U-S-A somewhere in his name.

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PERSONAL TIP:

Courtney in Cleveland: Your brother already knows and will forgive you after you explain your reasons to him.

Nervous in Tempe: That anxiety you're feeling is a warning from your guardian angel. I got an image of you behind bars. Get out while you still can.

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

Weekly World News has purchased exclusive rights to the world's most powerful computer — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

The Turbo-built computer, called Bright Green, has the ability to calculate which lottery numbers are most likely to come up each week, based on previous performance and established tendencies. The numbers are good for the week Weekly World News is on the newsstand.

The computer scans all numbers selected in lotteries across America over the past year to provide a statistical base for predicting future results. More value is given to the most recently selected numbers.

Using all available data, the computer picks the luckiest numbers,

Fortune Cookie

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What's your secret message from the Fortune Cookie this week? It's more fun to decipher.

Here's the key to decoding your message: If the number of letters in your first name is 3 or less, subtract that number from 7. If there are more than 5 letters in your first name, subtract the total from 11.

Now take the result and find your key letter in the word GHENT above. Starting at the upper left corner of the box at left, count each one of your key letters as it appears from left to right. The letters below each of your letters

Weekly World News exclusive: The WORLD'S BIGGEST CROSSWORD!

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1 Rushed prematurely
7 Be of benefit
12 Voice specialist Mel
17 Tapped rhythmically
20 Blue ribbon, for one
24 Mixed together
26 Public praise
27 Far Eastern
29 Looked after
30 Actor Schwarzenegger
32 Main course
37 In good health
39 Chin feature perhaps
40 Shoe grommet
44 Intellectual (5)
47 Grade school break
48 Stomps heavily
51 Combination of notes
53 Sneak on
55 Family member
58 Military rank
59 Amount consumed
60 Be half-asleep
62 Spin about
64 Sir Arthur — Doyle
66 Boring
68 Slangy assent
69 Always
70 Napping stick
71 Semester
74 Great fright
76 Spoiled horse
80 Raised to the third power
83 "The Taming of the —"
92 Occupies a seat
94 Sacrificial table
96 Southwestern plant
97 Unfastened
98 Window glasses
99 Talk show star Winfrey
100 Guardian spirit
101 Inspiring forward
104 Cable network call letters
105 Under the weather
108 Hostiles
109 Double reed instruments
110 Peaking season
112 Amusement, concern
113 Entertainer Davis Jr.
114 Ringer scam
116 Athletic (5)
118 Sailboats
98 Unread
99 Barnyard sounds
100 Not present
104 Alcohol (5)
105 Long nose
106 Ms. Gabor
111 Painful utterance
113 Erect
114 Small vegetable
116 Go by subway
118 Shenanigans
120 Hudson Bay locale
121 Small city
122 Blush
124 Actor's part
126 Big sewer pipe
127 Fastened
129 Debt
130 Hasty, superficial
131 Religious gatherers
132 Squish —
133 Leave
134 MD's title
135 At the same time
138 Memory unit
140 Lining up
142 Large hornet material
145 Boisterous celebration (5)
147 Rations
148 Pinochle points
149 Lighthouse signal
150 Eliminates
151 Demure
154 Hacienda, in Mexico
157 Biblical wise man
158 Aaron and Solomon
159 Sheepskin
162 Pack animals
163 Singer Rawls
164 Twist forcibly
167 Widespread fear
169 Glimpse
171 Postal delivery
173 Swiss peaks
178 Bacchus table for two
179 Modem speed
180 Complete failures
183 Fragrant wood
186 Lubrication dispenser
188 Greek letter
190 Directed a weapon
191 Corroded
192 Definite article
193 Spanish hero, El —
196 Winter neckwear
196 Reading [illegible]ge
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199 Lo[illegible]
200 Developmental years
202 Heavy cost
205 Tend the sick
207 Groan
208 Body trainers
209 Drug agents (5)
210 Road map book
212 Insect pests
213 Black, poetically
215 Actress Sheedy
216 Shipping container weight
217 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
219 Envir. course
221 Singer Van Shelton
223 Landing strip
225 Out of sight
227 Donatello
228 Musical compositions
231 Relaxation
232 Make straight
234 Thin coating
238 Draw a conclusion
237 Harp sandpiper
239 Sporting venue
241 Make happy
244 Required
245 Prejudiced
247 Look briefly at
248 Arbs
251 Dining
253 Destroys again
254 Unexpected reversal
256 Shavings
258 Land measures
267 Pearl creators
259 College heads
260 Having long game
280 Took a breath

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1 Financial ratings (2 wds)
2 Title holders
3 X-ray unit
4 Lumber source
5 Whirlpool
6 Once before
7 Risky undertakings
8 Year, in Mexico
10 Inactive
11 Narrow shelves
12 Unclear, indistinct
13 Come to earth
14 Play part
15 Told a story
16 Low gear
18 Stadium cheers
19 Employs
20 Actress Farrow
21 First First Lady
22 Contest participants
24 Like America's eagle
25 Tint prefix
28 Speedometer reading (Abbr)
32 Asian bovine
33 North or South state
34 Singer Paul
36 Lead astray
40 Water source
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44 Widemouths
45 Asphalted
46 Recognizers
48 Hindu teacher
49 Votes in
51 Farm club
53 " — Without a [illegible]
54 Eye part
56 Double curve
57 Silversmiths
60 Aspect
62 Israeli airline
63 Medical amount
69 Alligator relative
70 Unsightly
71 Cowboy goads
72 The ran away with the cash
73 Chore
75 Heave
78 — Image; liquid dyes
82 Chromosome pair
83 Hockey club
86 Sacred hymn
87 One — — time
90 Fancy tie
93 Pathological state
95 Getting ingested Sun
97 Rapped
101 Forward, daring
102 African country
103 Theme park attraction (2 wds)
105 Causing tryists and chills (Hyph)
106 Breakfast order perhaps (2 wds)
107 Wild uproar
108 Competed for
110 Building wings
117 Sergeants and corporals
119 Fish lure
114 Type of party
115 Water pitcher
117 Tokyo, formerly
119 Matinee
120 Tales slang
121 Spanish aunt
123 Actress Bergman
125 Wear away
126 Woman's title
127 Blazing
130 Head covering
137 Before CDs
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141 Thin
143 Sandwich meat
144 Unable to proceed (Hyph)
146 Decorate
148 Essential, fundamental
152 Wicked
153 Synthetic material
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160 Daisy flower
161 Heavenly headgear
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165 Gets into praying position
166 Ballroom dance (Hyph)
168 Cigar type
169 Followed closely
170 Person
171 Disorganized
172 Sculpture, for one
174 Photo, for short
175 Strikes
177 Musical piece
178 Opposite port
179 Indonesian island
181 Spoken aloud
182 Soapy
183 Smart, stylish
184 Noisy uprising
186 Shipping box
187 Continent
189 In addition
192 Tossed
194 Bob and Elizabeth
197 Go up
198 Astronaut's realm
199 Sealing substance
200 Actress Judy
201 Valleys
203 Radio dial
204 Beaming
206 Envelope, wrap up
208 Make sick to the stomach
211 "Let — dope it"
214 Persecute severely
216 Followed behind
218 Comparison
220 Sporting site
222 Standards of perfection
224 Central American Indians
226 Of the nervous system
228 Frankenstein doctors
230 Ballroom num
231 Racing compliment
233 Optical glass
238 Blue state
237 In this place
238 German river
239 Read quickly
240 Nothing more than
243 Actor Penn
242 "To — his own"
246 Took a load off
248 Michael Jordan's league
250 Musician's booking (5)
252 — la-la

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IN THE NEWS

The right way to kill a rat!

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – Rat traps work better if you don't set them — not at first, says an expert.

"Rats are afraid of anything new. They avoid anything unfamiliar. So if you put out traps, don't set them at first. Let the rats get comfortable with running across them," says Ron Bell, of the Rollins Environmental Services exterminating company.

And when you're ready to set out bait, the traps forget about cheese.

Contrary to popular belief "rats don't like cheese," says Bell. Peanut butter is good. Bits of pizza are better.

"But the best bait is Trapper Jack's Macadamia Nut Rodent Lure.

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Coming soon: Dracula Land!

BUCHAREST, Romania – Government authorities have reportedly completed the Walt Disney Co. for help developing a theme park based on the nation's most famous character — Count Dracula!

A spokesman was quoted by Bloomberg News as saying the American entertainment giant and other potential investors have already been contacted about plans to pitch $10 to $30 million into development of Dracula Land!

"We have to take advantage of this symbol and want to offer for sightseers ketchup blood, bones, wooden stakes, stick thumbs and bats — and even vampires blunting out of sockets to pull ladies by their skirts," a Tourism Ministry official said.

[illegible] [illegible]

gets the boot!

Former President Bill Clinton was retired for the second time when vendors outside the White House hauled his life-size cutout off to storage because tourists didn't want to be seen with him.

Vendors said former President Reagan's cutout sparked heavy sales for months after he left office, but the cutout of Clinton [illegible]

ICEMAN ESCAPES FROM LAB & HE'S KILLED BY A CAR!

5,300-YEAR-OLD MUMMY WAS REVIVED LAST OCTOBER AND NOW HE'S DEAD AGAIN!

By VINCENZO SARDI

BOLZANO, Italy — The FBI and Italian police are pointing the finger of blame at each other after a 5,300-year-old Iceman recently revived by scientists escaped from a laboratory, made his way to the street — and promptly was run over by a car!

Angry scientists who reconstituted the Bronze Age man found frozen in the Alps say that the lawmen brought it to protect the living mummy from human error as well as the switch.

Especially blame the FBI men who are supposed to be experts at this sort of thing. Dr. Alberto Zanoni, a member of the international scientific team.

"The cost of rescuing [illegible] was more than $30 million — and to [illegible] up crushed like an empty [illegible]."

U.S. officials say that Italian cops who were supposed to patrol the streets surrounding the lab are at fault. But they agree the death of [illegible] is a tragedy.

[illegible] was named for the [illegible] discovered [illegible] in a well-preserved state in 1991. For years he was stored in a refrigerated [illegible].

Then in a radical experiment as Weekly World News reported last October 31, scientists decided to end the [illegible] in the hope of learning more about [illegible].

HOLOGIST
Dr. Alberto Zanoni

MAN FROZEN IN ICE 5,300 YEARS IS ALIVE!

YOU READ IT HERE FIRST
Weekly World News blew the lid off the [illegible] to revive the Iceman in our Oct. 31 2000 issue above

[illegible] Iceman began to [illegible] and a team of [illegible] began [illegible]

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To protect the Iceman from both physical harm and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] media access and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] FBI agents [illegible] by the United States arrived and took up [illegible] at the lab.

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WHEATON, Ill. — Camels can go six months without water — but you wouldn't last much more than a week without a drink. And some drinkers can't go a day without a nip.

In the mid-1800s an Irish earl hired an English [illegible] agent to deal with [illegible] farmers, but [illegible] farmers boycotted the guy when he refused to reduce their rents. His name was Charles Boycott.

The average American knows about 10,000 words, writers at least 20,000

These are just a few of the "trivia didn't know" fascinating facts you can always find in Weekly World News!

For more fun-to-know trivia, read on.

● Some 100 people a year die in the U.S. from bee stings, compared to about 15 from snakebites.

● This one's for the wives who complain their husbands don't communicate: In 1884 Alan Foreman of England sent his wife Janet a letter of over one million words — a record for letter writing, or, if you will, overwriting.

● The word gobbledygook — for unintelligible jargon — was coined by a Texas congressman in 1944, which makes you wonder what he was talking about.

● The question of whether life is found in the deepest depths of the oceans was settled in 1960 when scientists in the bathyscaphe Trieste reported seeing foot-long fish resembling sole at a depth of 35,800 feet.

● Pluto is the only planet ever to be discovered by an observer in the United States. It was first seen in 1930, by Clyde Tombaugh, an amateur astronomer at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

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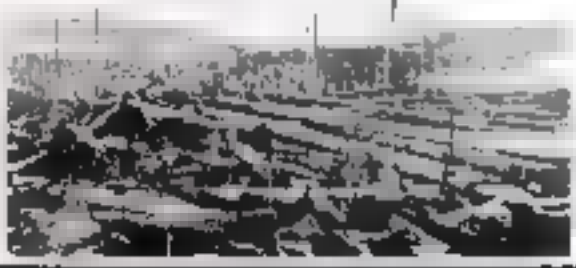

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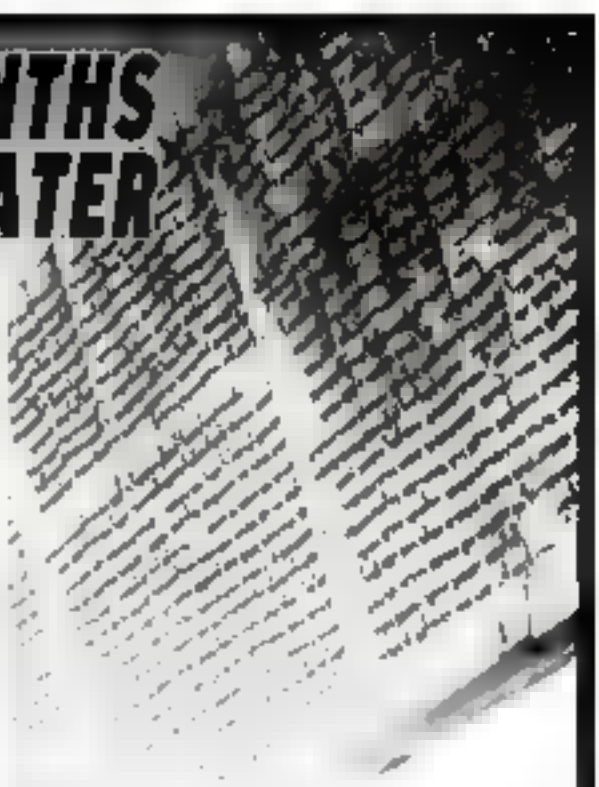

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NEW WAVE OF CATTLE MUTILATIONS SWEEPS U.S.!

Cops blame space aliens for mysterious deaths!

BOZEMAN, Mont. — A ghastly new worldwide wave of cattle mutilations has moved to America and investigators have confirmed mysterious animal deaths in 38 states.

Law enforcement authorities and private detectives blame the alarming outbreak on two different races of space aliens, including extra-terrestrials who are collecting reproductive organs, eggs, sperm, tissue samples and other bodily elements from animals in the United States.

But another less conscientious race of aliens, believed to be from a distant galaxy are conducting sloppy, haphazard on-site experiments in European pastures and farm lots that led to the devastating outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

"These big-headed bungling are like 18th century surgeons who didn't know enough to wash their hands before slicing open a patient's stomach," an outraged sleuth hired by a consortium of U.S., Mexican and Argentine ranchers declared.

"They're so caught up in experiments on horses, cows and other farm animals that they're polluting their laboratory with all kinds of destructive microorganisms. Unfortunately for us, their laboratory is our Earth."

But Americans are lucky because a more responsible race of star men have established an Antarctic outpost in the hollow earth and claimed our pie hemisphere as their territory, Alonzo Miles-Cardona said.

And the scientific experiments are carefully conducted in the field and in laboratories to guard against contaminating carcasses with alien germs or spreading known animal contagions like foot and mouth disease.

Miles talked with a reporter for Spirit of the West, an alternative newspaper circulated among students at Montana State University, following an emergency meeting here of ranchers who have lost animals to the alien intruders.

A former Argentine federal police official and private detective from the city of Rosario, Miles said he has investigated scores of mutilation cases in South America, four Mexican states, several foreign countries and the U.S.

Tissue samples taken from cattle and bison mutilated in the Northwest and Texas have been submitted to laboratory analysis, and failed to turn up any trace of strange bacteria or other dangerous microscopic alien life, Miles reported.

The star men conducting experiments in the Americas have been identified by investigators as greys 3 to 4 feet tall, allergic, human-like creatures with huge black eyes and hairless bodies.

The most widely observed of all the various aliens linked to UFOs, greys use totally different techniques from their counterparts in Europe, and appear to be experimenting with some form of cloning and in vitro fertilization, Miles told the Spirit reporter.

That would account for the prevalence of damaged or useless reproductive or-

EERIE: Aliens from different races are alleged to be performing gruesome experiments on cattle. One group is surgically precise, above —while the other is sloppy, too.

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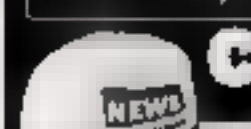

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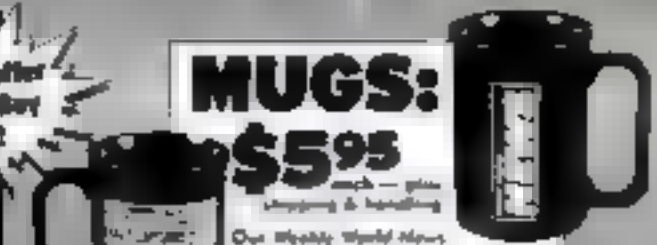

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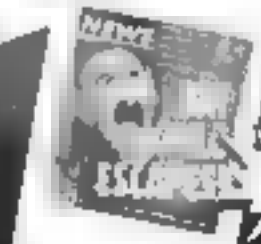

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT!

TUPAC SHAKUR IS ALIVE

RAPPER FAKED HIS OWN DEATH BECAUSE HE WAS MARKED FOR MURDER!

LAS VEGAS — Rap music superstar Tupac — 2Pac — Shakur is alive after faking his own death in a drive-by shooting.

He was forced to go underground to save his life because a vicious Los Angeles street gang had marked him for murder, according to a one-time policeman and private investigator.

"The man is chilling until 2Pac is released. He will be resurrected just in time for the national election campaign so he can help the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton hand a new political party," investigator Alimar Mahaja told an Internet reporter.

Incredibly, since Shakur pulled off the outrageous hoax he has been sighted dozens of times in Atlanta, Indiana, Michigan, New York and as far away as Cuba, Europe and South America.

Even Lieutenant Wayne Peterson of the Metropolitan Police Homicide Unit told us the deception "could be true."

Police reported about a dozen of us phoned all of the investigators after a television program broadcast a story about the case.

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PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
Alimar Mahaja

When they stopped in traffic, a white Cadillac pulled up next to them and a gunman in the backseat fired 13 shots into the vehicle.

Shakur was reportedly struck by one of three bullets that entered the car.

Despite the best efforts of investigators to secure police agencies the near the scene of the crime, the case remains unsolved.

But the shooting was just the beginning of the bloodshed.

On September 7, exactly two months after Shakur reported drive-by victim, the rap world's biggest star, Marion "Suge" Knight was gunned down in a similar attack.

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IN HAPPIER TIMES Tupac, left, and Suge Knight lived the good life — but were always close to danger

TUPAC'S PAL SUGE KNIGHT IS COOLING HIS HEELS IN JAIL

. . . for kicking a Crip!

Death Row Records impresario Marion "Suge" — pronounced "Shug" as in Sugar Bear — Knight was barely injured in the ambush shooting that reportedly killed Tupac Shakur, but the violence following the Mike Tyson-Bruce Seldon heavyweight boxing match led to big-time misery in the courts.

Knight was sent to prison on [illegible] after he was [illegible] a security guard [illegible]

CAN'T BEAT THE RAP. Marion, above, was on probation when he was caught kicking a

street gang member from Compton, Calif., in the head at the Nightclub in Las Vegas.

The former college football player was on parole for his role in the beating up of two aspiring rappers at a Hollywood recording studio in 1992.

Prosecutors said Knight pulled a pistol and fired a warning shot in the direction of one of the victims.

In a doomed appeal to a Los Angeles judge for one more chance before the probation revocation, the six-foot-three, 300-pound Knight pleaded, "I want a new start."

The judge disagreed and Knight, 30, is serving his two-year sentence in the

TUPAC'S ENEMY: Notorious B.I.G.

TUPAC SHAKUR IS ALIVE

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BMW were also tied to death to separate incidents in California.

Il Anderson and the Crips were behind the Las Vegas shooting, they got the wrong man, unveiling to Mohapi.

The investigator says a well-known rap star hanging around with Shakur took the bullets intended for his idol. And these are some of the shocking facts Mohapi cites to prove his point:

● Two hours after an autopsy was performed on the dead man, the body was released to a mortuary and cremated.

Shakur was a Muslim who did not believe in cremation, the investigator said. Destruction of the body prevented any future exhumation.

■ The victim of the shooting wasn't wearing a bulletproof vest, although the protective garment was regularly worn by Shakur. He would have been especially careful to wear a vest after scuffling with a known Crip.

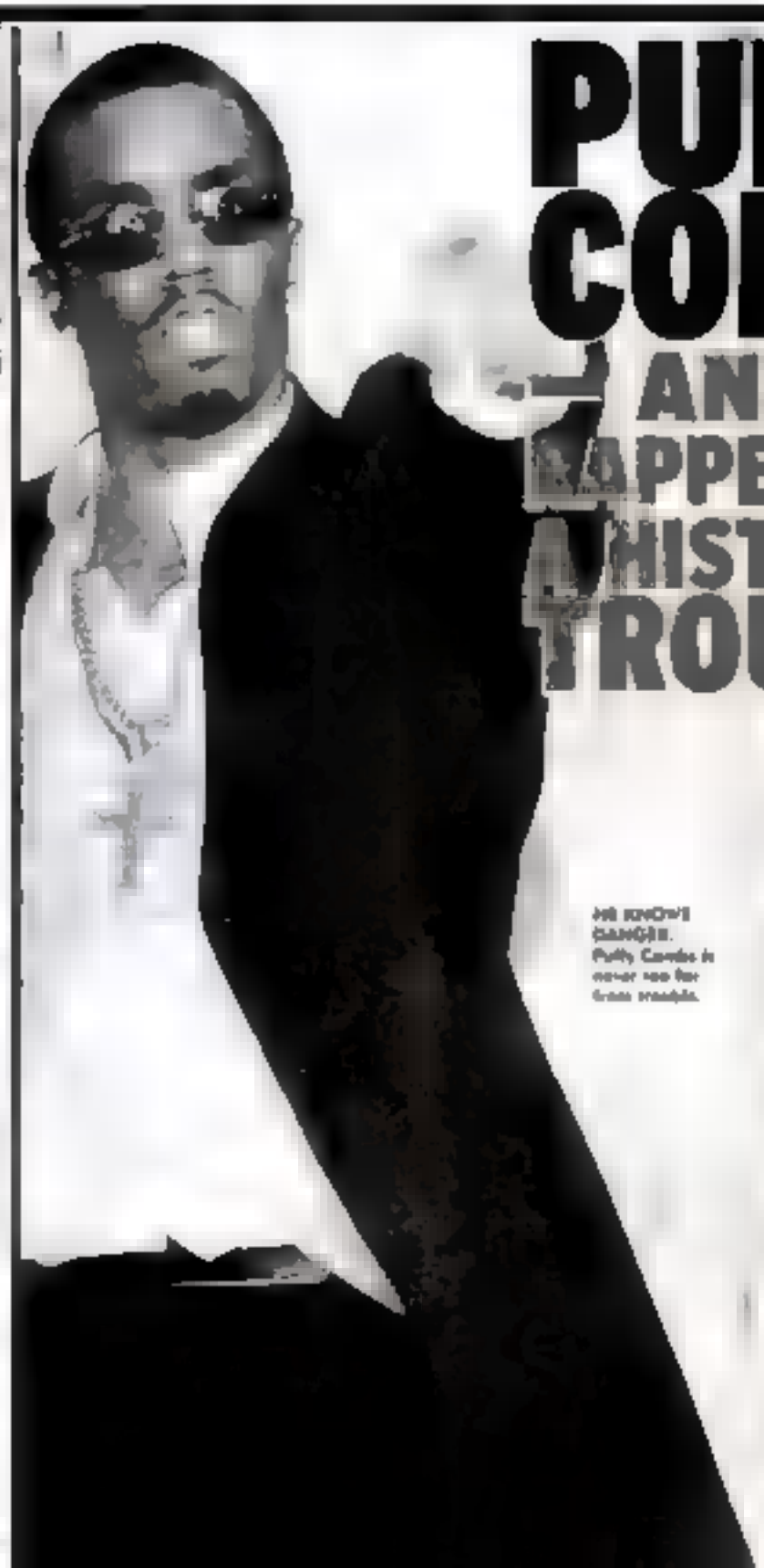
● In one of the songs on his All Eyez on Me CD, Shakur said when he died he wanted every rapper to perform at his funeral. Did Death Row fail to follow up, Mohapi asks, because Shakur wasn't dead?

● The producer on the reputedly posthumous Makaveli album is named Simon. Simon was the apostle who helped Jesus carry the cross and was the first to witness the resurrection. Was Suge Knight to be Tupac's Simon?

Makaveli is a corruption of the name of ancient Italian political and military theorist Niccolo Machiavelli – who was famous for defeating his enemies through treachery and deceit.

Even the cover of the disc shows Tupac posed as the figure

PUFFY COMBS — ANOTHER RAPPER WITH A HISTORY OF TROUBLE!



HE KNOWS DANGER. Puffy Combs is never too far from trouble.

Bad Boy Entertainment chief Sean "Puffy" Combs is a top-flight rapper and a marketing genius -- but the celebrity hip-hopper has been stalked by violence and tragedy.

After rubbernecks outside a Times Square recording studio saw West Coast hip-hop artist Tupac Shakur fall victim to November 1994 — he fired off his own verbal blasts at Combs and at Death Row superstar Snoop Doggy Dogg.

A few months after Shakur's reported death in Las Vegas, Notorious B.I.G. — Christopher Wallace — had just left a nightclub in Los Angeles when a Chevrolet Impala pulled alongside his SUV at a traffic light.

The driver calmly rolled down the window and fired seven shots, killing the 24-year-old Brooklyn hip-hop artist and former crack dealer.

Combs was in a car just ahead of the heavyweight gangsta rapper and watched his friend and protégé die.

The multimillionaire entrepreneur had already reportedly experienced tragedy when his father, Melvin Combs, was gunned down in Central Park in the early 1980s.

Puffy — Phil Daddy — was seven and already active as a promoter when tragedy struck again on Dec. 28, 1991 at a celebrity [illegible]

FINAL FAREWELL: This photo of hip-hop kings B.I.G., left, and Puffy was taken just moments before B.I.G. was shot and killed.

THE 'RAP' SHEET

Violent lifestyle led to hip-hop horrors

In the violent world of rap music, casual brutality plays as big a role in the lives — and deaths — of many of the performers as it does in their lyrics.

Superstars, fledgling artists, and bit part players whose bad luck or bad choices brought them into contact with rappers, have paid with their blood for sharing that world. Some examples of hip hop violence includes:

● **Shakur "Tupac" Knight,** who was driving Shakur had just helped stomp a man, and he had a long rap sheet. He was out on parole after his probation for a 1992 attack on two rappers in Hollywood was revoked.

● Two men suspected of being in on Shakur's murder were killed in separate Los Angeles area shootings on September 8 and 11.

● **Yafeu Fula,** 19, who was in the car behind Shakur's was shot to death in a New Jersey housing project in November 1994. Fula performed in Shakur's backup group, Outlaw Immortals.

● **Notorious B.I.G.,** a known enemy of Shakur's, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles on March 9, 1997.

● **Orlando Anderson,** once listed by police as a suspect in the Shakur slaying, was killed along with two other men in a shootout in the parking lot of a Compton, Calif., record store on May 21, 1996.

● **Sean "Puffy" Combs,** head of Bad Boy Records, was leaving a Times Square night club with then girlfriend Jennifer Lopez in December 1999 when shooting broke out. Following his acquittal on weapons and other charges, he announced he was changing his name to P. Diddy.

● **Suge Knight** — who headed Death Row Records, sued Knight in 1993 claiming the Death Row boss threatened him with baseball bats and metal pipes after Knight's firm to sign papers releasing rapper Dr. Dre from a contract. Wright died of AIDS in 1995.

● **Snoop Doggy Dogg** — Calvin Broadus — and his bodyguard McKinley Lee, were acquitted of murder charges after a trial for the 1993 slaying of Ethiopian immigrant Philip Woldemariam.

● **In March 2000, Ms. Brat** — **Shameka Davis** — was leaving the Club Chilli Pepper in Atlanta's Buckhead district when she got into a fistfight and drunk leaving crash with aspiring rapper Rasaun Robinson.

Early the next Monday morning a group of Ms. Brat's friends and family were returning to her apartment in a limousine when two masked men opened fire. Ms. Brat was in Cancun, but four of the nine passengers in the limo and the driver were wounded.

● **Investigators blamed a wild shootout** last February outside a Greenwich Village radio station on bad blood between rappers Lil Kim — Kimberly Jones — and Capone N Noreaga. Investigators said at least 30 people were involved, 22 shots were fired and one man was wounded.

Bad feelings had reportedly existed between the two groups since Brooklyn-based guest rapper Foxy Brown seriously dissed Lil Kim in a track of Capone-N-Noreaga's album, *Reunion*.

● **In 1998, Darryl Dion Kenner,** rapper **Gunnar** was recording at the Echo Sound's Studio in Los Angeles when a gunman opened fire. Kurupt's bodyguard was killed and rappers Jevon "Realistic" Jones and William "Act Da Fool" Green were injured.

WHAT A COUPLE: Puffy and Jennifer Lopez had a torrid romance ... but they've finished.

College. Some people died when the crowd stampeded while waiting for the game to begin.

In 1994 he was charged with robbery and criminal possession of a weapon. He was fined $1,000 after pleading guilty to criminal mischief.

Then in the early morning hours of Dec. 27, 1996, Combs was arrested after a wild shooting melee erupted when he and girlfriend, Jennifer Lopez, were leaving a crowded Manhattan hip-hop club with their entourage. Two men were shot in the shoulder and a woman was shot in the face.

Combs was charged with bribery and two counts of weapons possession. He and his bodyguard were acquitted of all charges after a near seven week trial.

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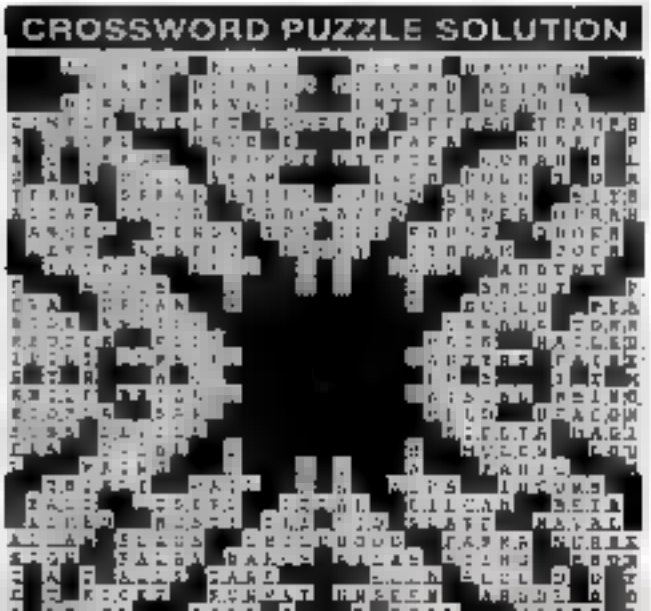

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MIRACLE BABY ON

LAGRANGE, Ga. — Experts are struggling to understand how a seemingly ordinary 16-month-old baby boy can crawl on water!

Scientists filmed the miracle baby as he crawled a distance of nearly 15 feet across the surface of a local lake — at a point where the depth was nearly 50 feet!

"We have confirmed that this is not a trick. It is not a hoax — it is a genuine phenomenon," said Dr. Robert Beayman, one of four university scientists who observed the incredible feat. "Yet it defies fundamental principles of buoyancy."

The child's name has not been released to protect his family's privacy and hold off a full scale media feeding frenzy. In the researchers' report, scheduled for publication in a scientific journal in May, he is referred to only as "Baby J."

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SCIENTIST Dr. Robert Beayman

Baby J is of normal size and weight for his age and has thus far exhibited no other unusual powers. His parents first discovered the baby's startling gift when he crawled out of an open door and roamed into a backyard pool as they napped.

"When they realized what had happened, they ran out frantically, fearing the worst," said Dr. Beayman. "To their astonishment, they saw Baby J calmly making his way across the pool as if he didn't have a care in the world."

The parents compared their recollections, which led to the scientific investigation.

While the scientists have tried to protect Baby J from the media glare, rumors about him have been slowly spreading through the small community south of Atlanta. Because the tot's talent echoes one of the most famous miracles of Jesus walking on water, some locals have even suggested that baby J may be the reborn Christ.

His parents, however, don't believe anything of the kind.

"They say he's just a normal, loving little boy," said Atlanta-based Dr. Beayman.

Bible scholars also tell Weekly World News we shouldn't jump to conclusions. They point out that when Jesus walked on water, He rebuked one of His disciples, Peter, to do the same and Peter actually managed to do so for several minutes (Matt. 14:28-31).

This suggests that the ability to keep above water by harnessing mental energy "may be perfectly normal in humans," one of the religious experts pointed out.

"This may be an ability that many children have at birth and slowly lose over time," Dr. Beayman said. "Universally talents are rarely put to the test."

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AMAZING: Baby [illegible]

Globe-trotting hero dogs rescue earthquake victims!

HELP ON THE WAY: Quake dog

FAIRFAX, Va. — If an earthquake like the one that rattled Seattle strikes your town, you could find yourself buried alive beneath a mountain of rubble. And your only hope may be an amazing team of globe-trotting hero dogs that saves lives after disasters!

Whenever an earthquake hits anywhere in the world, the elite K-9 unit is ready to fly to the site at a moment's notice and sniff out victims who are trapped under rubble.

The 10 German shepherds belong to the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue team. Over the past six years the canine unit has searched for victims trapped in building collapses caused by the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, the August 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya, the August 1999 earthquake in Izmit, Turkey, the September 1999 earthquake in [illegible], Taiwan and other catastrophes.

Among the lives they have saved are a 10-year-old boy, a [illegible]-year-old man and two women, ages [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] building in Taiwan.

The team, part of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, is ranked among the best in the world. What makes the dogs so special is their [illegible], their bravery when working in disaster ruins and most of all their [illegible]

[illegible]

The canine [illegible] through rigorous training before being dispatched around the world. As well as being [illegible], they learn to walk on [illegible] planks, crawl through tight spaces and [illegible] alarming noises.

The team is usually transported to the stricken site by a U.S. Air Force plane [illegible]

They [illegible] Turkey. And [illegible] Embassy [illegible]

GOOD BOY: Hero dog takes a break.

FRANTIC WIFE CALLS COPS: 'My husband is in [redacted]

TAMBUNAN, Malaysia — Concerned law enforcement authorities launched a missing persons investigation — after a husband suddenly vanished before the eyes of his startled wife.

A deputy superintendent at the Kaningau Police District said the shaken housewife reported her husband, Yuki Gleveland, 45, became invisible a few minutes after the family of six finished dinner.

"Like all missing persons cases, we have limited the information to other police departments, and are seeking the help of the village committee to help trace Yuki," the veteran officer said.

Melvin Gumps, a brother of eight, also enlisted the help of local shamans called bomohs to communicate with the missing husband's soul — while some 700 villagers turned nearby hills and forests.

"So far there is no sign of him," the distraught woman said. "They (the shamans) tell me that he is alive and around the area. I pray that he comes back to us."

A brother-in-law of the missing husband and hospital assistant, said there were indications that something strange was going on before the mysterious disappearance.

"Yuki reportedly talked to him about an encounter with a bizarre alien with a square body, who wanted him to go to a strange place.

"And the night before Yuki disappeared, he was wearing white and his feet were not touching the ground," the concerned brother reported.

Tourists swim naked with Nessie!

EDINBURGH, [redacted]

TORRID AFFAIR? Marilyn Monroe and Albert Einstein reportedly carried on a steamy Hanukkah romance.

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EINSTEIN WAS A CHICK MAGNET

He bedded sex goddess Marilyn Monroe – and even made time with a Russian spy!

EGGHEAD HEAT! Albert Einstein was not only hot-blooded, he was a genius!

By CLIFF LINEDECKER/Weekly World News

TRENTON, N.J. — Albert Einstein, the egghead genius who figured out what the universe was all about, was a skirt-chasing chick magnet — but he was a rotten lover and a selfish dad.

The granddaddy, white-haired physicist, who stumbled around the Princeton University campus in necklace shoes while absently puffing on a pipe, got his girlfriend pregnant — then sent her back to her parents where she gave birth to a mentally retarded daughter.

And he was a demanding control freak who browbeat his wives, including the former girlfriend, whom he married after she gave their baby away, according to historians.

But despite his autocratic ways and rumpled demeanor, women from around the world threw themselves at him.

Even Hollywood sex goddess Marilyn Monroe reportedly carried on a torrid May-December secret affair with the world famous physicist. And she breathlessly confessed that she would love to conceive a baby with him.

"Marilyn had this fantasy of having a child by Albert Einstein whom she considered the most brilliant man in the world," Peter Preminger once confided.

"Marilyn believed that between her and Einstein they could have the perfect child — one with her looks and his brain."

The eccentric scientist's brilliant brain helped him attract plenty of other women to keep him busy, biographers say.

Mileva Maric was one of the first and the most tragic. [illegible] information that has surfaced since Einstein's death in 1955.

The brilliant young Serbian woman was a student at the Polytechnical Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, when she fell under his spell.

Mileva gave their first child away. Then married Einstein in 1903. They had two more children before Einstein told her in 1914 that he wanted a divorce. She suffered a mental breakdown and he married his Einstein chose Elsa after her daughter. Elsa, whom he also had an affair with, rejected a marriage proposal.

After Elsa's death, Einstein spent the last two decades of his life with Helen Dukas, who joined his household as a secretary and was later politely described by biographers as his housekeeper.

Einstein carried on numerous affairs with other women during his two marriages — who was eventually exposed as a spy for Russia's sinister KGB.

But even after he dumped Mileva, he insisted that she continue to take care of his creature comforts.

In one especially cruel letter written in 1914 he declared: "You will expect no affection from me. You must [illegible]

But Calvin Coolidge was no charmer!

President Calvin Coolidge

The nation's 30th President, Calvin Coolidge, was called "Silent Cal" because of his reluctance to participate in small talk.

But historians tell of a beautiful woman who was once so desperate to lure him into conversation, she suggested that if they were married they could have the perfect baby — a wonder child with her beauty and his brains.

"Yes, madam," the dour-faced President is said to have responded. "But imagine what would happen if we became parents of a child with my beauty and your brains."

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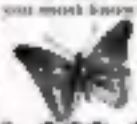

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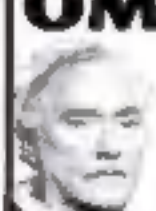

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FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30

BY SERENA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

This is the week to reevaluate your career goals. Consider devoting more effort to achieving your objectives.

Your generosity and good nature could be in trouble when someone you trust takes advantage. Rely on your common sense to do the right thing.

Don't be afraid to seize an unusual opportunity that comes your way. You deserve the rewards.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

A creative urge could bring some changes into your life this week. Follow your instincts instead of the crowd and you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Don't let your sense of loyalty get in the way of your better judgement. Be more objective about those around you.

Try to be flexible if roadblocks suddenly appear in your path. They won't be there for long.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

You've made a heroic effort to mend the heartbreak that's been tugging at you these past few weeks. Don't worry, things will soon be back to normal.

Be wary of phonies who offer unwanted advice. Use your charm to get around them.

Set your sights on a well-deserved getaway weekend with that special person.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Making the best of a rotten situation sets you head and shoulders above the rest. And this ability may be tested this week by a close friend or relative.

Be prepared to hear surprise news that will leave you thrilled pink. Your luck's about to change.

Lift someone's spirits — visit the less fortunate at a nursing home or hospital. It will make your week.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

An opportunity for advancement and financial success becomes available. Remember to weigh the good against the bad before making your decision.

You come to the rescue when you see the a family crisis, but don't let the praise go to your head.

A favorite seafood dish could prove hazardous this weekend. Don't try that new restaurant.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

You're on a roll this week and the opposite sex is banging down your door. Don't be flustered. Enjoy it!

You might even spot a mistake that could cost someone dearly. You deserve the pat on the back you get for your alertness.

The color red can bring you good fortune this weekend. Since you're feeling lucky, buy a lottery ticket.

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Something said in jest this week could provide the clue to financial success. Your creative instincts are especially sharp now, so take the risk.

Someone you've helped in the past stands ready to come to your aid now. Don't be afraid to ask.

A recently divorced friend would like to hear from you. Brighten up their day with brunch at a favorite hangout.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

This is a good week to keep your mouth shut and let others do the talking. The more others palaver on, the smarter you'll appear.

A bookkeeping pal is trying to lead you down the garden path. Watch where you step.

Take care of those health problems you've put off. Delay will only complicate matters.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You may be dealing with demanding VIPs at work this week but you'll handle it. Your ability to stay cool during trying times will see you through.

A dear friend may contact you with problems. They trust your advice, so give it — but don't overdo it.

You could use some downtime. Plan a vacation or a special outing. Get plenty of rest.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	12, 13, 25, 29, 42, 46
TAURUS	7, 11, 16, 20, 23, 34
GEMINI	10, 13, 15, 26, 41, 49
CANCER	3, 8, 20, 36, 43, 45
LEO	5, 7, 8, 12, 25, 40
VIRGO	1, 15, 16, 25, 36, 47
LIBRA	7, 9, 25, 30, 33, 44
SCORPIO	12, 16, 22, 24, 30, 43
SAGITTARIUS	1, 20, 36, 37, 42, 44
CAPRICORN	15, 20, 29, 33, 45, 48

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Ignore rumors this week. They'll lead you to the wrong conclusions. Trust your own instincts instead.

Be available to those who depend on you for advice and support. The next few days will bring opportunities to help them out.

Take your day to that new day park hourly - romance awaits for both of you. Tonight, enjoy some downtime alone.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

You are too easygoing and hold back for your own good. Speak up and stop allowing people to take advantage of you.

Look for a change of scenery in the near future. Don't ignore an opportunity for advancement in your present job and/or lifestyle.

Keep on your toes. A fast talker may try to catch you off guard and sell you something you don't need.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Someone you like and respect may disappoint you this week with an act that is totally out of character. Don't jump to conclusions until you know all the facts.

Keep an open mind where opportunities for romance are concerned. Things are not always what they seem to be.

An old school chum may cross your path this week. Remember, people change through the years.

If your birthday is this week...

This year almost promises to be one of constant change and new horizons. A new romance finds you exceptionally attractive. If married, be careful. Temptation abound. Don't give in

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